

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) & (b) Naxal activities in certain Southern parts of Orissa bordering Andhra Pradesh and Chhattisgarh have been noticed since mid Eighties. Similar activities have also been seen in parts of some Northern districts across West Bengal and Jharkhand in late Nineties.

(c) No such information has come to the notice of the Government.

(d) The Central and State Governments have been pursuing a multi-pronged strategy to address the naxal problem on political, security and development fronts. While effective and sustained police action is taken individually and jointly by the States to counter the naxal violence, the naxal affected States have also been asked to improve delivery and monitoring mechanisms to ensure accelerated development in the naxal affected areas. The Central Government continues to coordinate and supplement the efforts and resources of the State Government on both security and development fronts to meet the challenge posed by the naxal problem.

Untraceable Report on Stampede in Jagannath Temple

2339. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Orissa Government is unable to Trace Judicial Commission Report on 1993 stampede at Lord Jagannath Temple in Puri;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Central Government had taken up the issue with the State Government; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) The Government of Orissa has informed that the report of the Commission of Inquiry consisting of justice Shri J.N. Mohapatra enquiring into the incident of stampede at Lord Jagannath Temple, Puri during 1993 has not been traced out despite

thorough search and that the matter of loss of the said report is to be enquired into by a Judge of the Orissa High Court.

Steps to Check Liquid Explosives

2340. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any effective steps to prevent liquid explosives by terrorists in view of the terrorists plans to explode the aircraft with the help of liquid explosives in London;

(b) if so, whether State Government have been alerted in this regard, so that this kind of incidents do not take place in future;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this kind of materials remain undetected when passed through metal detector; and

(d) if so, the arrangement made to detect the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. All the concerned authorities and agencies have been alerted to take adequate security measures in this regard to prevent any untoward incident.

Help of Private Security Agencies for gathering information about terrorists activities

2341. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:
SHRI AJAY MAROO:
SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ministry has taken decision to take the help of Private Security agencies, working in the country, to collect secret information regarding the terrorist activities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;